

Dear Parents,

Thursday, July 28, 2016

Welcome to Kindergarten at Margaret Elementary School! I am Beth Walker, your child's teacher here at MAES. What a great time we will all have together! It will be one full of fun, learning and teamwork in a family-style environment. Your child will learn to read, write and use their creativity to achieve great things! Kindergarten is an absolutely critical year for your child and lays the foundation for all other grade levels afterward. Your child's attendance and participation will affect their future performance in school. I am looking forward to an outstanding year!

As a lifelong resident of Saint Clair County, I love to call it my home! I grew up in Springville, graduated, went to college and met my husband of nine years, Justin, at church. We have two dogs, Molly- a beagle and Dixie- a miniature schnauzer. I enjoy good coffee, baking, photography, kayaking, camping, reading and spending time with my friends and family. My education includes an advanced diploma from Springville High, a bachelor's in Psychology from VCU in Richmond, VA and a master's in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from UAB. This is my fourth year teaching kindergarten and my third year at MAES. I look forward to impacting your student's life in a positive way, just as I know they'll impact mine.

### **Important Dates and Times:**

- **Kindergarten Camp- Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00am-12:00pm** You will come to the lunchroom with your child where I will be waiting to meet you! We will leave as a class for a fun-filled few hours and you will stay in the lunchroom for an important Parent/Guardian Meeting for a bit.
- **Back to School Night- Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> anytime from 5-7pm** You will complete some important paperwork for me, drop off your school supplies, and tour the classroom. Please don't forget to turn in your \$40 classroom donation, as well. Also, please take this chance to join the PTO and partner with us to make MAES an even better place of learning for your child!
- **First Day of School and Fall Pictures- Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**
- **Kindergarten Orientation- Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm** I will present some very important information to you. Please make every effort to attend as you will miss out on an abundance of critical material if you do not.

If you would like to contact me with any questions or to let me know a bit about your child before school begins please feel free to email me at [elizabeth.walker@sccboe.org](mailto:elizabeth.walker@sccboe.org). I have included our supply list in addition to my class wish list at the bottom. Words cannot express how excited I am to meet you all and partner with you in making this a wonderful year for your child!

Looking forward to meeting you all,

Mrs. Walker

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS,

PLEASE LOOK CLOSELY! OUR CLASS DOES NOT NEED SOME OF THE THINGS ON THE LIST FOUND AT WAL-MART OR IN THE PACKET YOU RECEIVED AT REGISTRATION. I MADE SOME CHANGES SO PLEASE TAKE NOTE. THEY ARE MARKED WITH AN \*.

THANK YOU,

MRS. WALKER

2016-17 MAES Kindergarten Supply List

Qty. Description

- 1 Backpack
- 1 Pencil Pouch (to hold scissors, crayons and glue)
- 1 1 1/2 “ Any Color 3 ring binder with clear-view front (memory book) **\*Please keep this at home until the end of the school year. I will ask for it around April.**
- ~~1 Pack of construction paper (no tablet) **\*You can choose not to buy this. I have plenty for the upcoming year.**~~
- 1 Pack of colored copy paper
- 2 Packs of white copy paper
- 5 24 count Crayola crayons
- 1 Box of #2 pencils
- 1 Washable Crayola Markers
- 1 Crayola Washable Watercolor paint set- 8 primary colors
- 1 Pair of Fiscar rounded tip scissors
- 5 JUMBO Elmer’s glue sticks **\*This is not 5 packs, but rather 5 glue sticks.**
- 2 Plastic folders with brads (one blue and one red)
- 1 Pack of skinny dry erase markers **\*I HAVE PLENTY OF REGULAR SIZED DRY ERASE MARKERS! Please only buy skinny ones.**
- 2 Mead Stage 3 Primary Journals



- 1 Pack of 3x5 index cards **\*Please buy the loose ones (not the spiral bound) and keep them at home. You will use these to practice sight words at home. Not buying the spiral bound ones will allow you to practice them out of order with your child.**
- 2 bottles of ANTIBACTERIAL liquid soap
- 6 Rolls of paper towels **\*Please send 3 at the beginning of the school year and 3 after Christmas break.**
- 3 Boxes of Kleenex tissues
- 1 Container of baby wipes **\*This is for us to use in our classroom. I may need to ask for more later on in the year.**
- 2 Containers of Clorox wipes
- 1 Nap Mat (No cloth mats)

Classroom Donation: \$40.00 (\$25 classroom, \$5 art, \$5 library/technology, \$5 admin.)

### Girls

Hand Sanitizer

Sidewalk Chalk **\*I took the construction paper off of our list and replaced it with sidewalk chalk.**

### Boys

Gallon Ziploc Bags

Snack size Ziploc Bags (for Nurse Lisa)

### Art Supplies (PLEASE TAKE DIRECTLY TO THE ART ROOM):

- 1 Container of baby wipes
- 2 rolls of paper towels

## Mrs. Walker's Wish List

HP Ink 61 Black and/or TriColor

**\*\*Please don't feel like you have to buy this or even buy it right now. If you feel led to buy it now or throughout the year I would greatly appreciate it.\*\***